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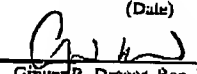
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

The present Preliminary Amendment is filed following the filing of a second Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) on November 19, 1999 in the connection with the above-identified patent application.

Kindly amend this application in the following aspects:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 40-42, without prejudice. Applicants specifically retain the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in one or more continuing applications.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) An agonist antibody which specifically binds to the extracellular domain of WSX receptor comprising the extracellular domain sequence within SEQ ID NO: 2, and decreases body weight or fat-depot weight or food intake in an obese animal.

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